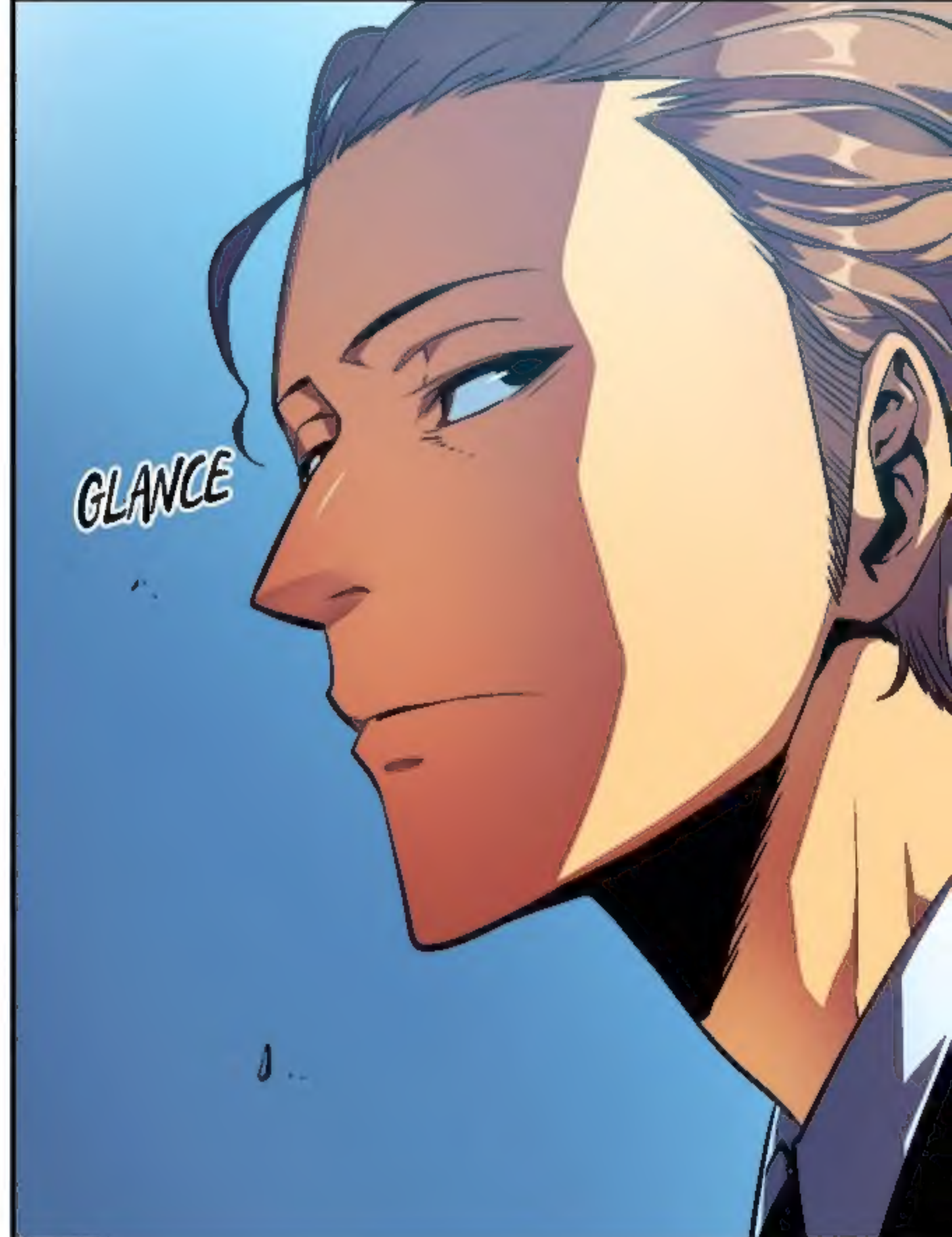




MR. WOO JINCHUL.



GLANCE



YES?

TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS...





THE D-RANK HUNTER, YOO JINHO, WAS WEARING VERY EXPENSIVE ARMOR, SO I SUPPOSE HE COULD'VE TAKEN OUT A C-RANK BOSS.

BUT THE BOSS WAS PART OF THE GIANT ARACHNID SPECIES, WHICH MEANS IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A HUGE THREAT TO A PARTY MADE UP OF SKILLED HUNTERS. IT'S A BIT STRANGE THAT EIGHT OF THEM DIED.

STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH AND GET TO THE POINT.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO ME IF YOU'D ACTUALLY FOUND SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS. YOU WOULD'VE TAKEN CARE OF IT YOURSELF.

WELL...



...THE
OTHER SURVIVOR
IS SUNG JINWOO,
THE HUNTER FROM THE
DOUBLE DUNGEON
INCIDENT.

**SUNG
JINWOO?**

THERE'S
CERTAINLY
SOMETHING FISHY
ABOUT ALL OF THIS,
BUT NO NEED TO
WORRY.

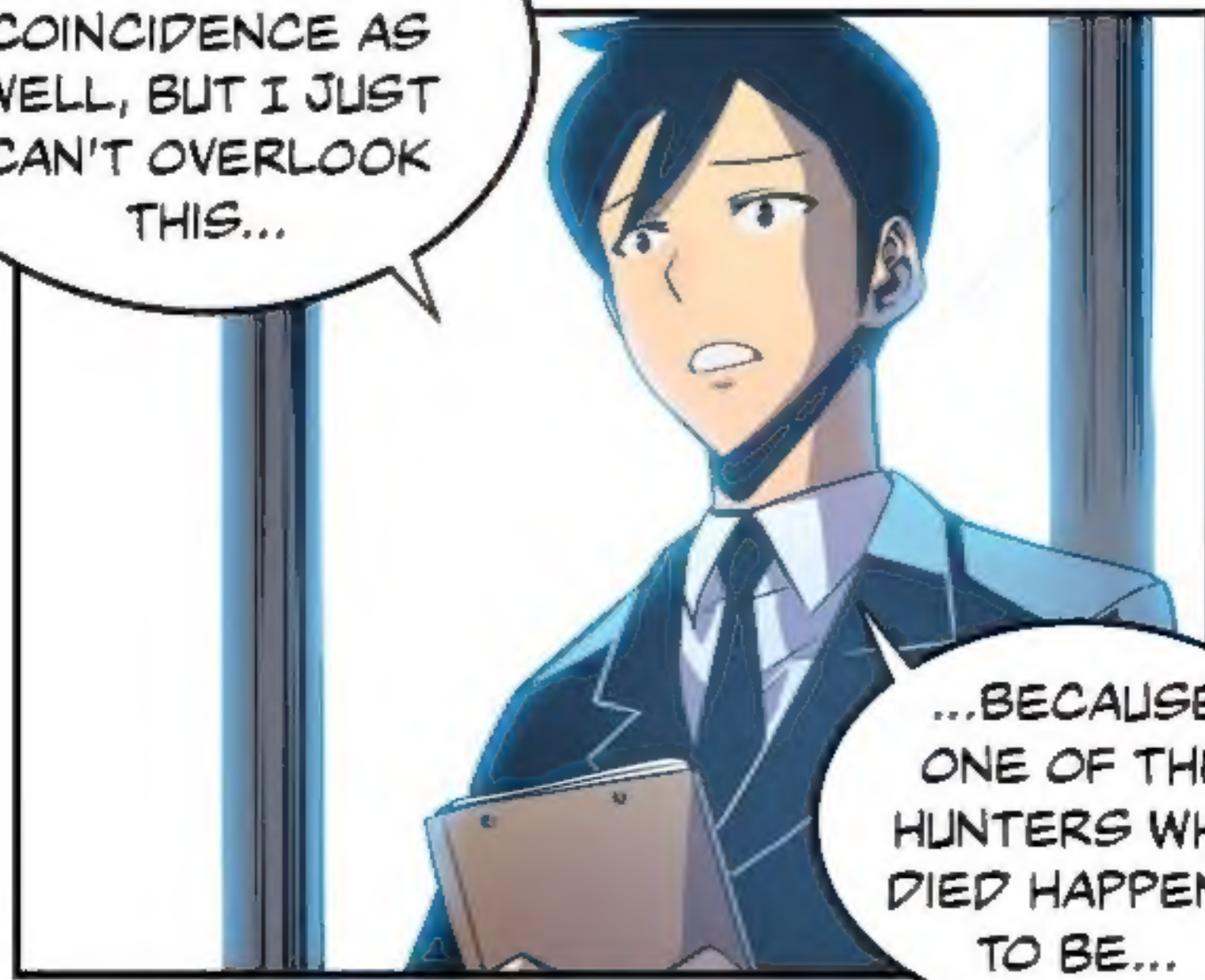


THE
ESSENCE STONE IN
THE MANA METER WE
USED TO EVALUATE
HIM WAS OF SUPERIOR
QUALITY, THE KIND YOU
CAN ONLY GET FROM
A-RANK MAGIC
BEASTS.

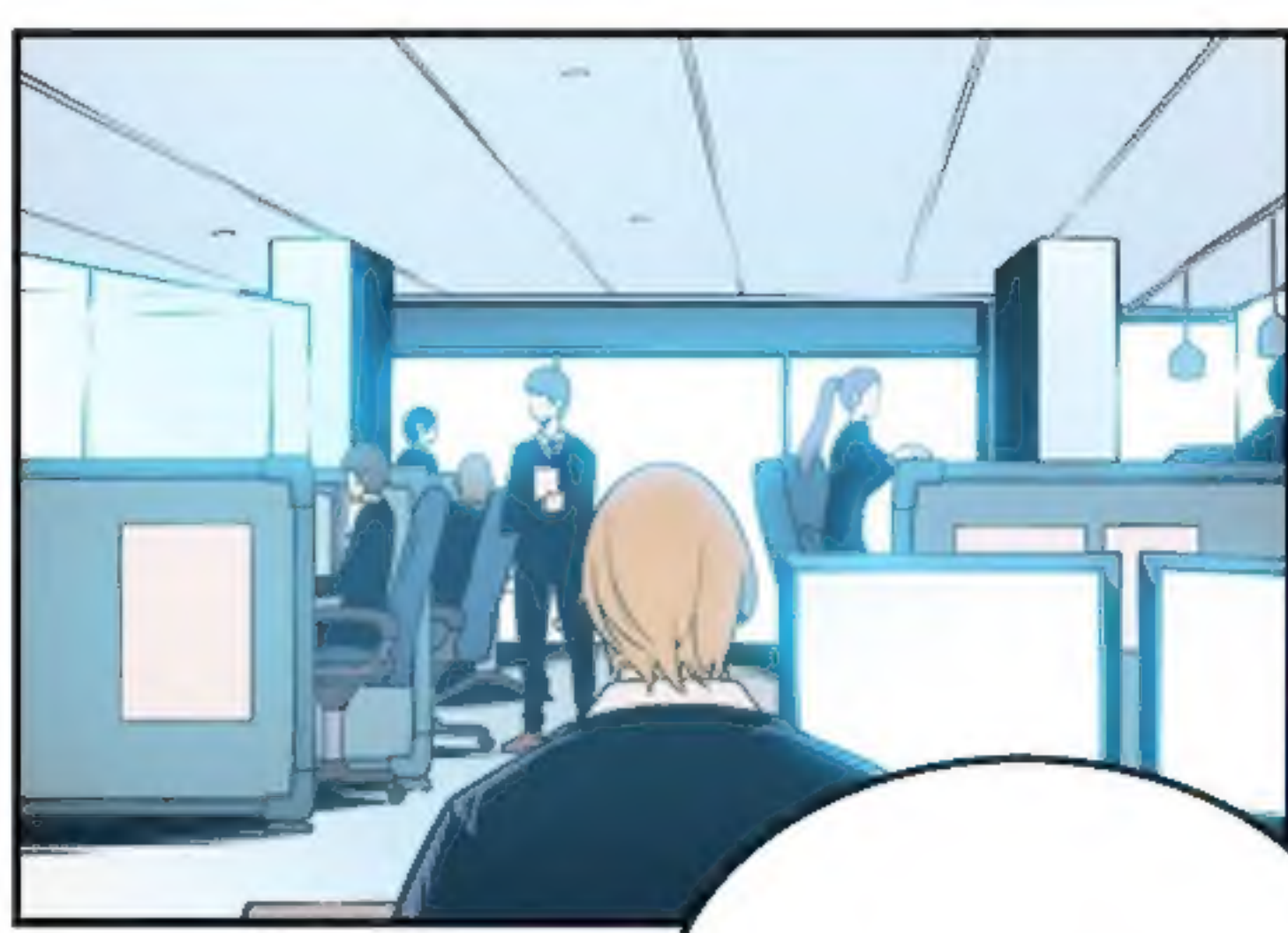
BESIDES,
IT'S NOT AS IF
REAWAKENING
IS A COMMON
OCCURRENCE.

WE'VE
ALREADY LOOKED
INTO THIS ONCE.
THAT SHOULD BE
ENOUGH.

I WANT TO
THINK OF IT AS A
COINCIDENCE AS
WELL, BUT I JUST
CAN'T OVERLOOK
THIS...



...BECAUSE
ONE OF THE
HUNTERS WHO
DIED HAPPENS
TO BE...



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OOH, FRIED CHICKEN?



DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?

WELL, ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER IT'S A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING...

WOW, WHAT'S THE OCCASION? YOU'RE USUALLY SUPER STINGY.

I WANT TO
GET DRUNK, BUT
I CAN'T.

GULP
GULP

! NOTICE

[HARMFUL SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR BODY.]
[BUFF: **DETOXIFICATION** HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.
YOU ARE NOW BEING HEALED.]

THE
SPECIAL ABILITY
GIVEN TO ME BY THE
SYSTEM IS PURIFYING
THE ALCOHOL.

NOM

NOM

3, 2, 1... YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY **DETOXIFIED**.

AS SOON AS I WOKE
UP AFTER THE DOUBLE
DUNGEON INCIDENT, THE
SYSTEM GAVE ME THIS
AS A REWARD.

! NOTICE

[YOU HAVE MET ALL OF THE
REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE
THE SECRET QUEST:
"COURAGE OF THE WEAK"]

I'VE HAD A LOT
TO PROCESS UP UNTIL
NOW, SO I JUST

NOW, SO I JUST
BRUSHED IT OFF,
BUT...

[IF YOU FAIL TO FOLLOW THE SYSTEM'S
ORDERS, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A **PENALTY**.]

NOTICE

[YOU HAVE RECEIVED A **REWARD**.]

...I NEVER
IMAGINED I'D GET A
REWARD LIKE THIS.

QUEST REWARD

"**SECRET QUEST: COURAGE OF THE WEAK**"

-THE GREAT SPELLCASTER KANDIARU'S
BLESSING: THE GREAT SPELLCASTER
KANDIARU HAS GIFTED YOU A SPECIAL
ENCHANTMENT. AS LONG AS YOU HAVE
KANDIARU'S BLESSING, YOU WILL ALWAYS
BE HEALTHY AND STRONG.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO
THIS QUEST REWARD THAT
MY LEG WAS REGENERATED
AFTER I LOST IT IN THE
DOUBLE DUNGEON.

QUEST REWARD

-TEMPORARY EFFECT, THE **WILL TO
RECOVER**: ANY DAMAGES TO THE BODY
WILL BE **RESTORED**.

-PERMANENT EFFECT, **LONGEVITY**: YOU
WILL BE IMMUNE TO ALL **DISEASES**,
POISONOUS SUBSTANCES, AND ANY OTHER
ABNORMALITIES IN YOUR STATUS.
REGENERATION ABILITIES WILL
EXPONENTIALLY INCREASE WHILE ASLEEP.

WAIT...

IF I'M IMMUNE
TO ALL POISONOUS
SUBSTANCES, THAT
MEANS...





[ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A

TYPE: POISON

A POUCH CONTAINING REFINED VENOM FROM KASAKA. UPON DEFEATING KASAKA, YOU HAVE A SLIM CHANCE OF OBTAINING THIS ITEM. DRINKING THIS VENOM WILL MAKE YOUR SKIN TOUGH, BUT YOUR MUSCLES WILL BE PERMANENTLY DAMAGED DUE TO THE POISON.

-EFFECT "KASAKA'S IRONCLAD SCALES":
20% LESS PHYSICAL DAMAGE

-SIDE-EFFECT "MUSCLE DAMAGE":
-35 STRENGTH

IF I'M ABLE
TO AUTOMATICALLY
RECOVER FROM BEING
POISONED, THEN THIS
ITEM WOULDN'T HAVE
AN EFFECT ON ME,
RIGHT?

NO NEED TO
OVERTHINK IT.

GLUG

GLUG

[HARMFUL SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR BODY.]

3, 2, 1... YOU HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DETOXIFIED.

THE **MUSCLE DAMAGE** EFFECT FROM ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND HAS DISAPPEARED.

JUST AS
I THOUGHT.

STRENGTH: 53

HEALTH: 30

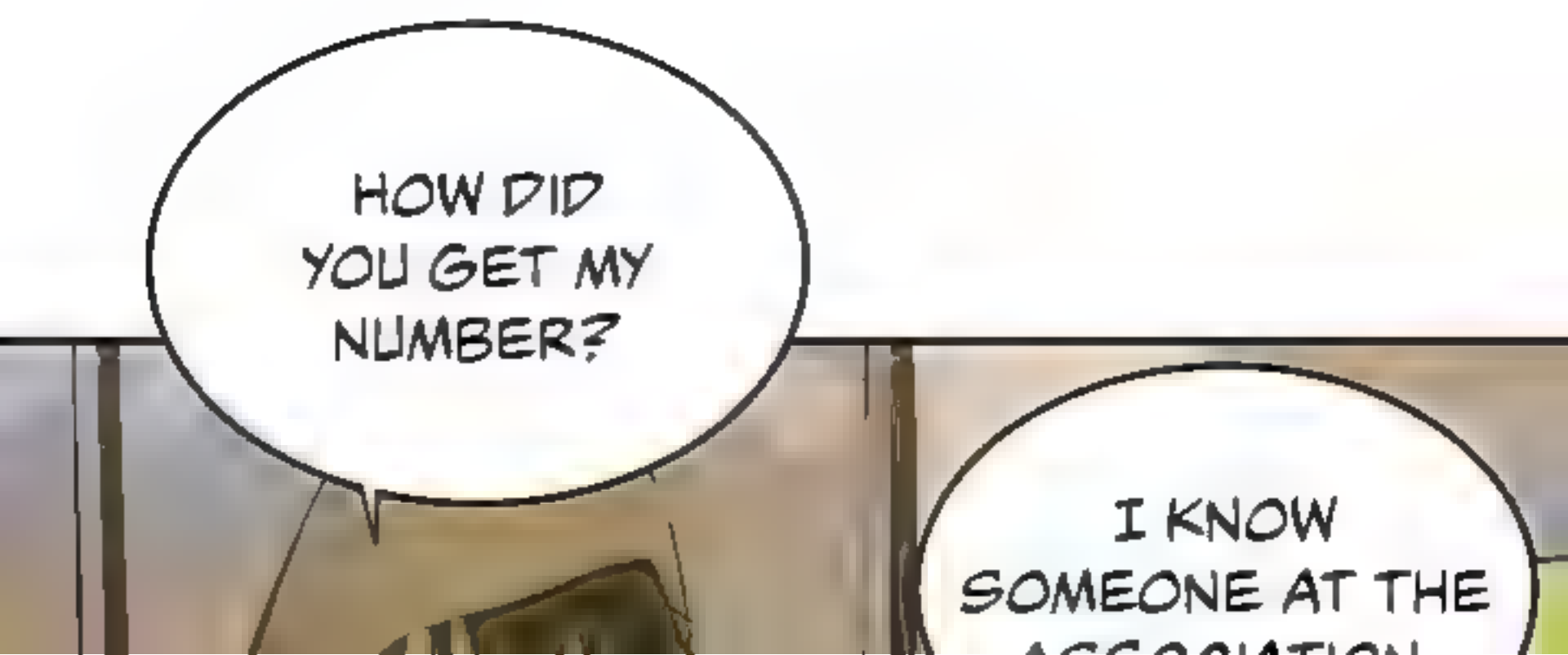
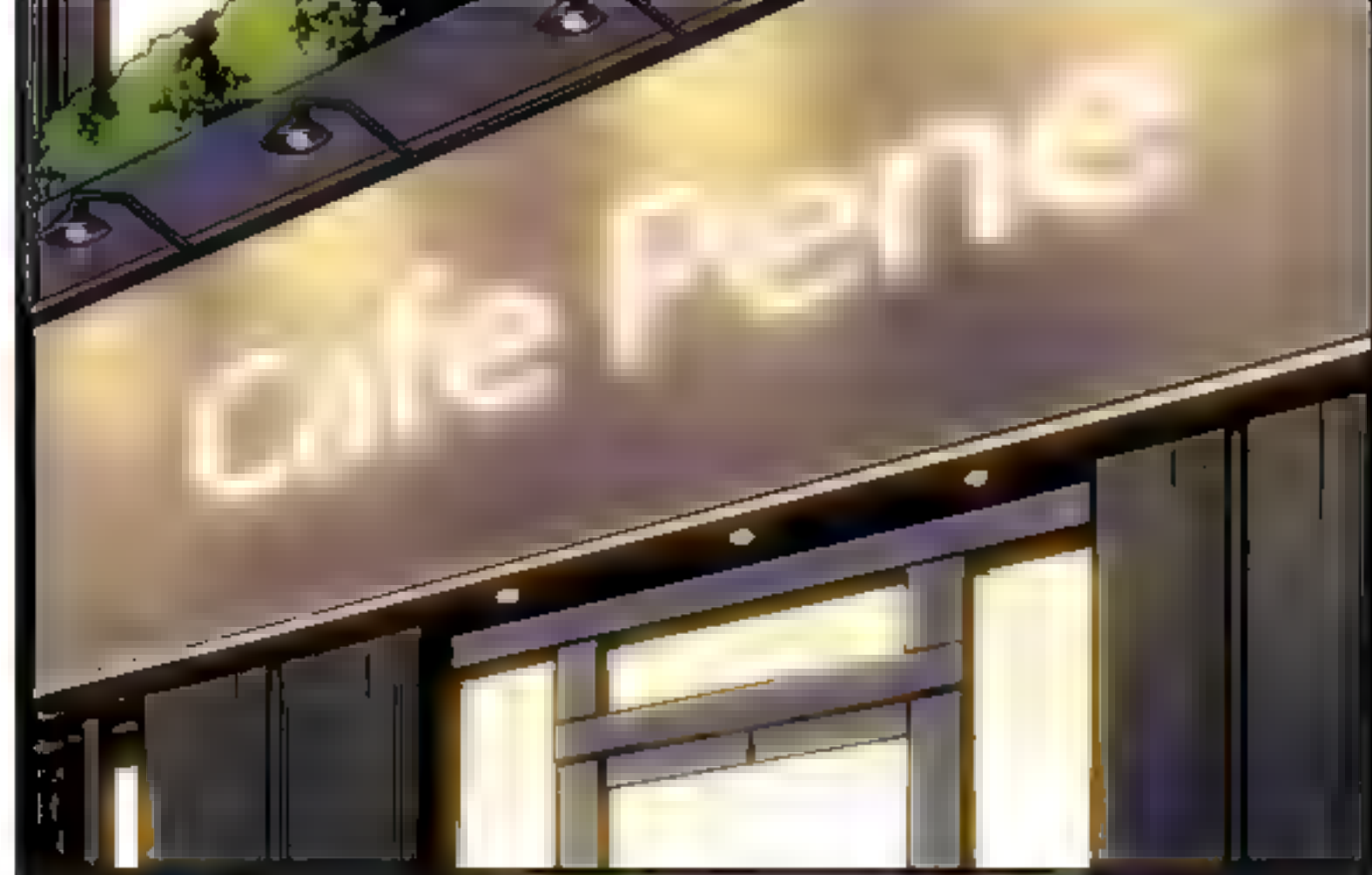
AGILITY: 53

INTELLIGENCE: 30

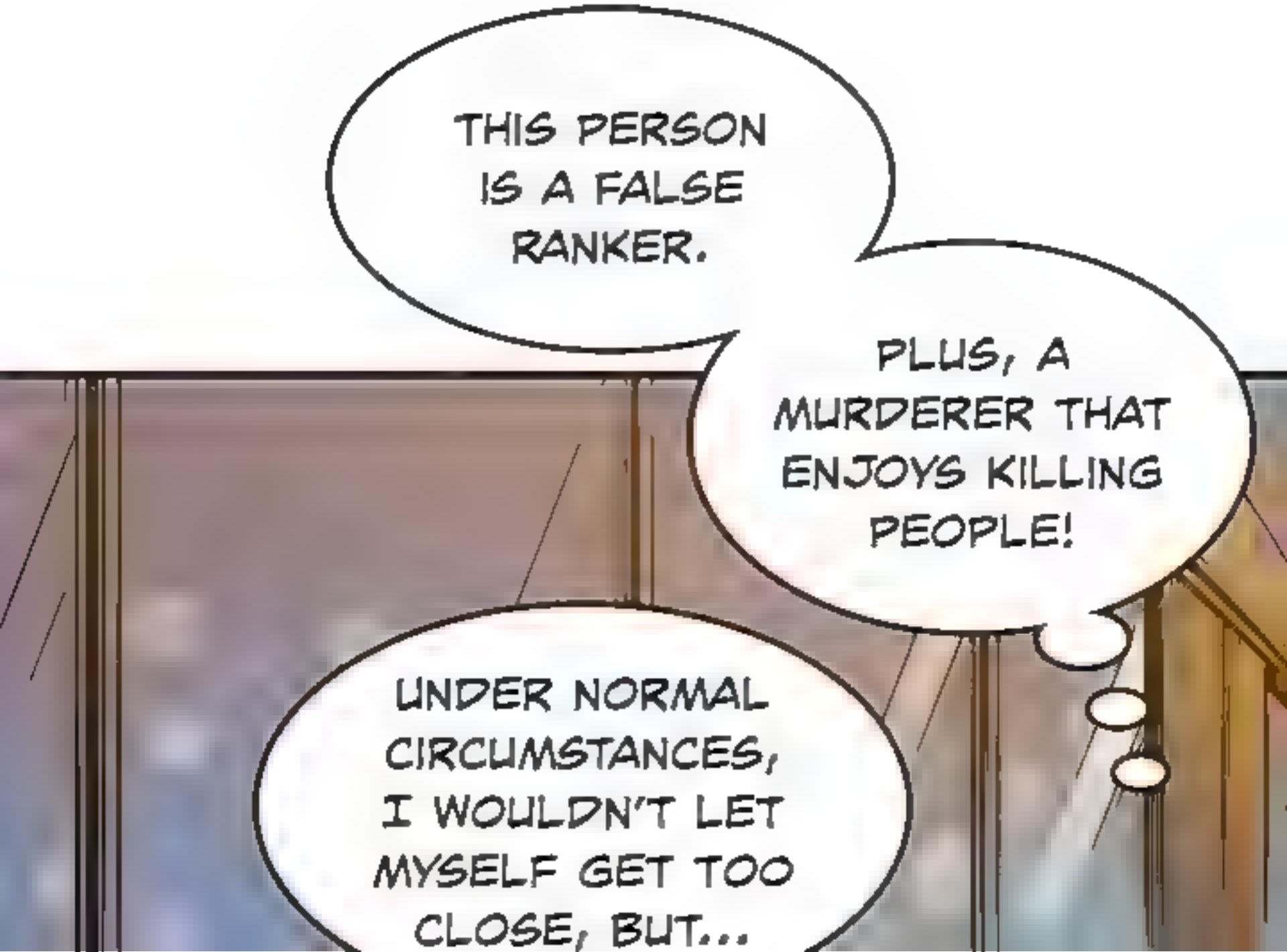
SENSE: 36

PHYSICAL DAMAGE REDUCTION: 20%

PROCESSING











ACTUALLY,
I WANT TO MAKE A
PRIVATE STRIKE
SQUA-

**THE ANSWER
IS NO.**



W...WAIT,
I DIDN'T EVEN
FINISH WHAT I WAS
ABOUT TO SAY!!

I DON'T NEED
TO HEAR IT ALL
TO KNOW.

YOU'RE MAKING A
STRIKE SQUAD AND
WANT ME TO JOIN,
RIGHT?

S, SIR!

TURN

NO WONDER
YOU ASKED TO
MEET. WELL, I DON'T
PLAN ON GETTING
INVOLVED WITH A RICH
BOY WHO THINKS OF
HUNTING AS A
HOBBY.

IF YOU DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING
ELSE TO SAY, I'M
LEAVING.

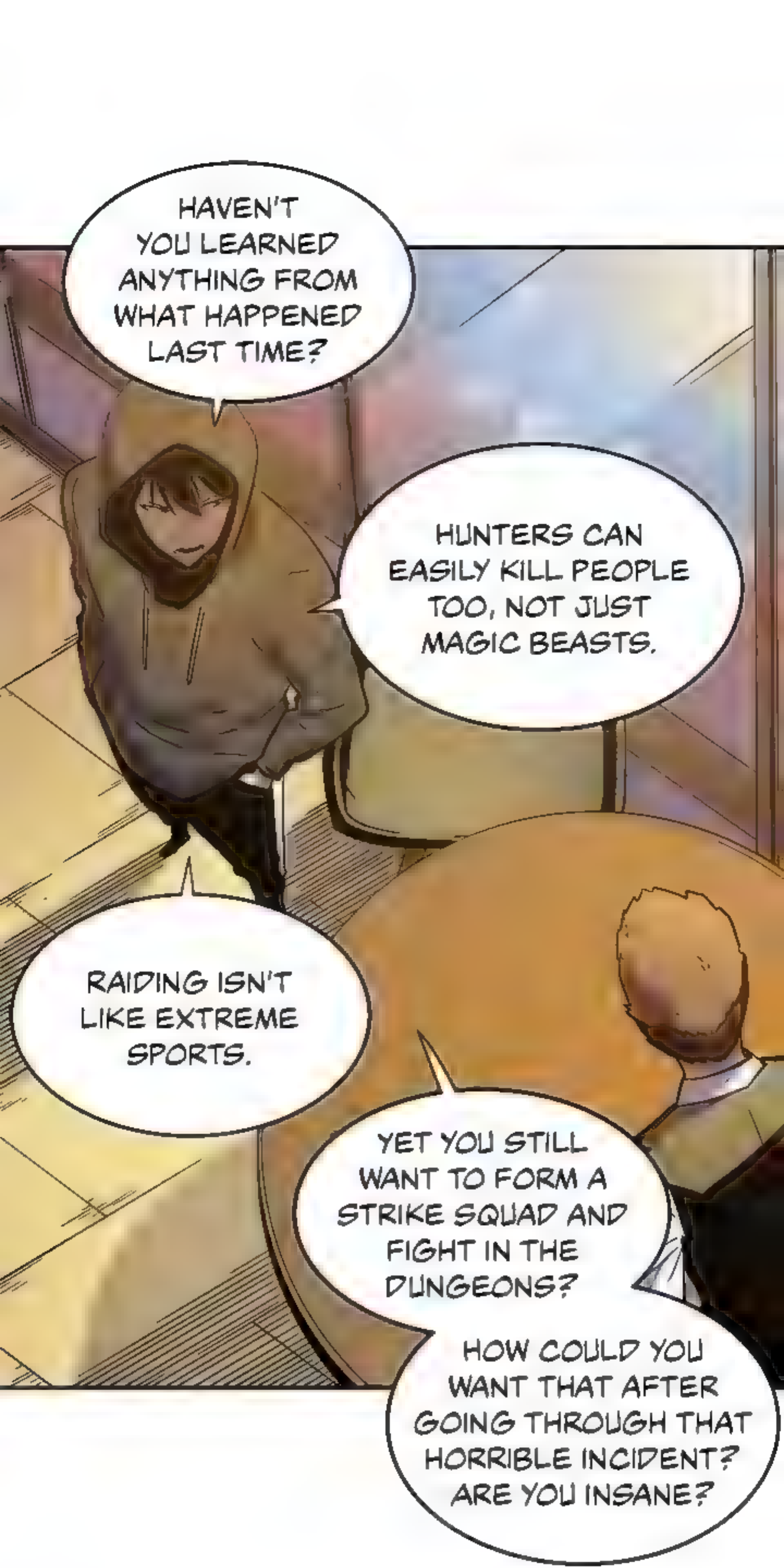
JUST 20 TIMES!

NO,

ACCOMPANY ME
JUST 19 TIMES!

ACCOMPANY
YOU WHERE? THE
DUNGEONS?

YES! I'LL
MAKE SURE YOU
ARE HANDSOMELY
COMPENSATED.



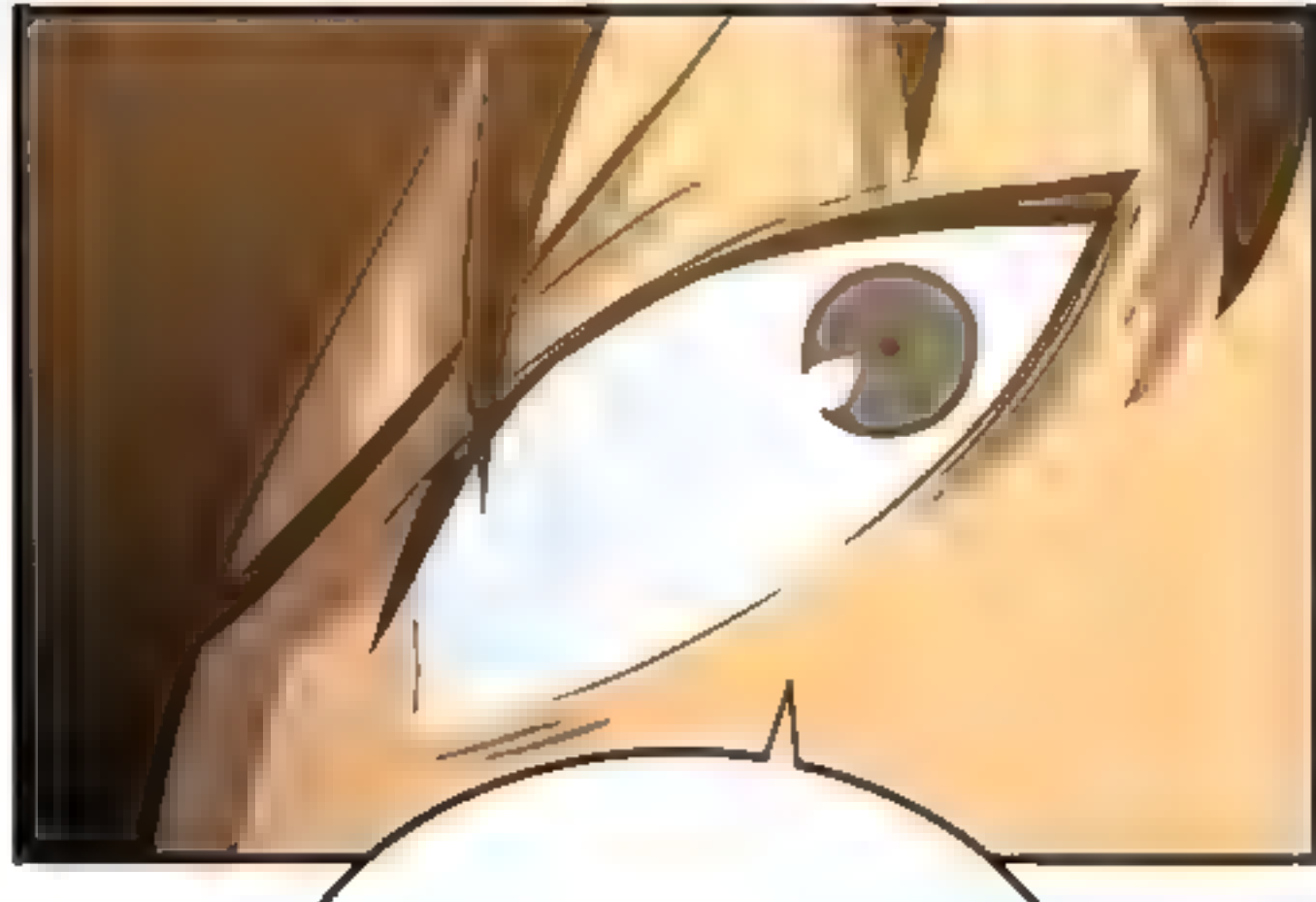
HAVEN'T
YOU LEARNED
ANYTHING FROM
WHAT HAPPENED
LAST TIME?

HUNTERS CAN
EASILY KILL PEOPLE
TOO, NOT JUST
MAGIC BEASTS.

RAIDING ISN'T
LIKE EXTREME
SPORTS.

YET YOU STILL
WANT TO FORM A
STRIKE SQUAD AND
FIGHT IN THE
DUNGEONS?

HOW COULD YOU
WANT THAT AFTER
GOING THROUGH THAT
HORRIBLE INCIDENT?
ARE YOU INSANE?



WAIT, DO YOU...

...WANT TO
BECOME A GUILD
MASTER?

YES, I DO!

PLEASE JUST



LIKE YOU SAID,
I WANT TO GET A
LICENSE TO BECOME
A GUILD MASTER.



IT'S NOT
HARD TO GET A
GUILD MASTER
LICENSE IF YOU'RE
A HUNTER.



YOU NEED TO
BE A HUNTER THAT
HAS EXPERIENCED
MORE THAN 20
RAIDS.

I WENT ON MY
FIRST RAID LAST
TIME...

SO I HAVE TO
PARTICIPATE IN 19
MORE RAIDS.



OF COURSE,
THERE'S ALSO A WRITTEN
TEST, BUT I'M CONFIDENT
THAT I'M SMART ENOUGH,
SINCE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO TAKE OVER MY FATHER'S
COMPANY OTHERWISE.

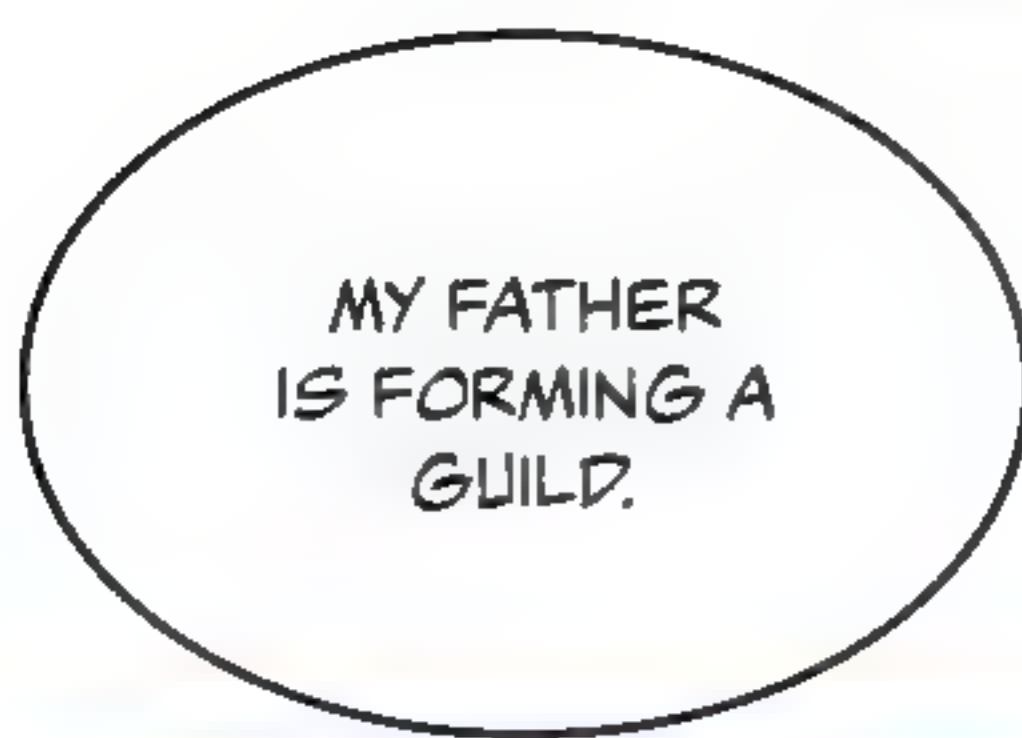
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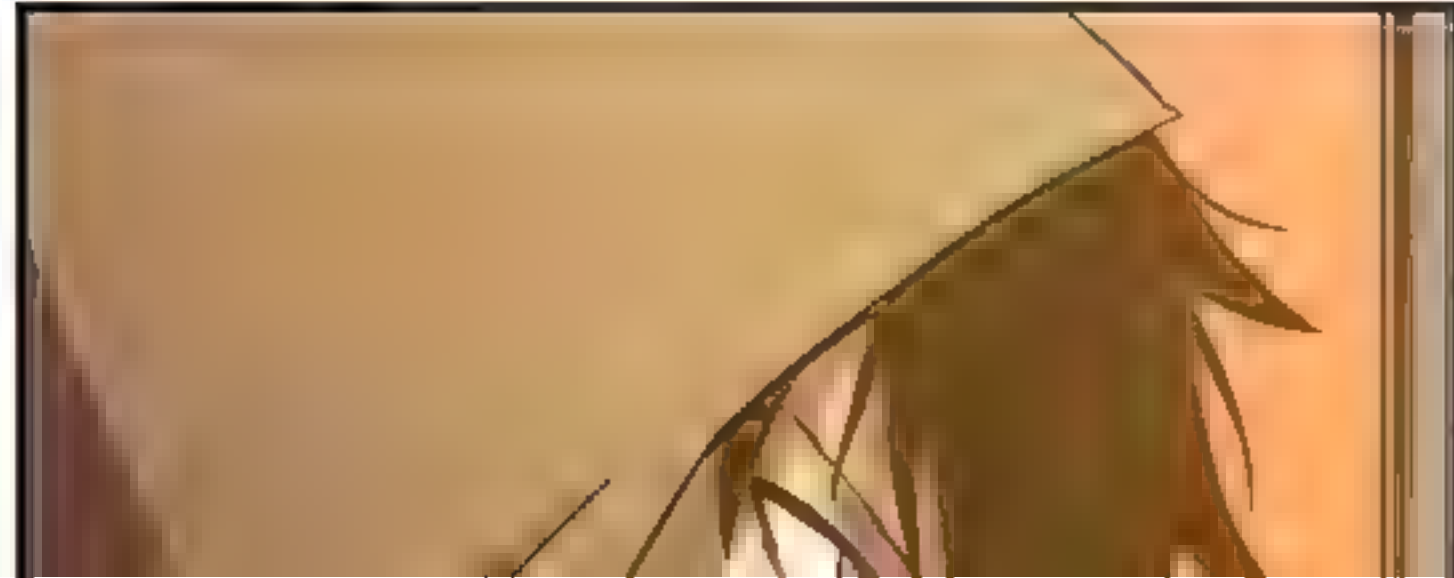
OH, YEAH.
YOU'RE THE SECOND
SON OF YOOJIN
CONSTRUCTION.

YES.

HONESTLY, THE
REASON I WANT TO
BE A GUILD MASTER
HAS SOMETHING TO DO
WITH OUR COMPANY'S
PLAN.



MY FATHER
IS FORMING A
GUILD.





YOOJIN
CONSTRUCTION
WANTS TO FORM
A GUILD?

DUNGEONS ARE
DANGEROUS, BUT THERE
ARE ALSO MOUNDS OF
TREASURES HIDDEN
WITHIN.

ESSENCE
STONES AND MANA
CRYSTALS ARE JUST
THE TIP OF THE
ICEBERG.

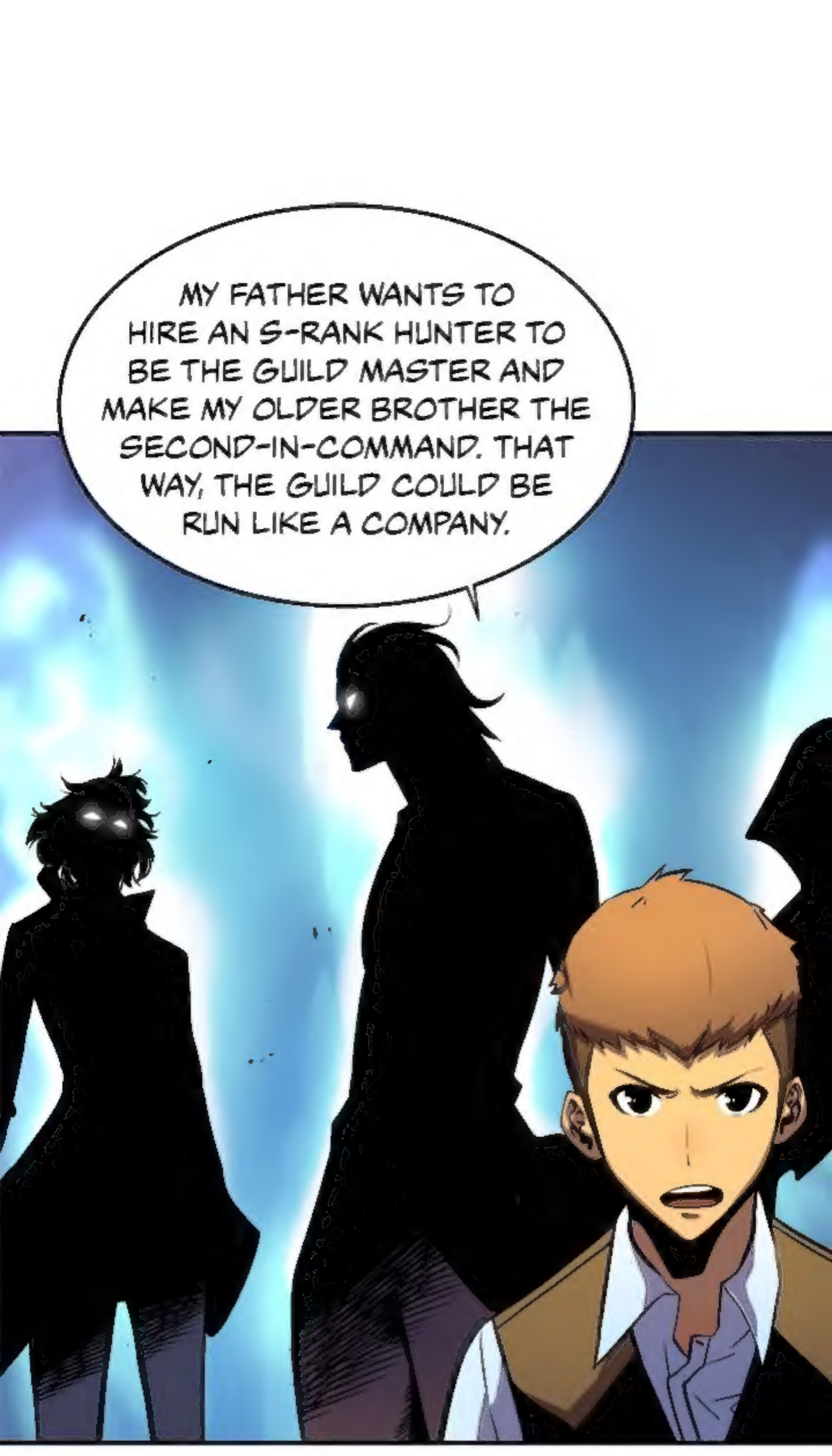
EVEN THE CORPSES
OF MAGIC BEASTS CAN BE
USED FOR MATERIALS, SO
THERE'S NOTHING THAT
GOES TO WASTE.

IT MAKES SENSE THAT
A HUGE CORPORATION
WOULD WANT TO GET
INVOLVED.


SO YOU'RE SAYING, THE
HUNTERS EMPLOYED BY THE
COMPANY WILL VENTURE INTO
THE DUNGEONS, AND THE
COMPANY WILL REAP
THE PROFITS?

IN OTHER WORDS,
THE COMPANY WANTS TO
BE SELF-SUFFICIENT
FROM NOW ON.

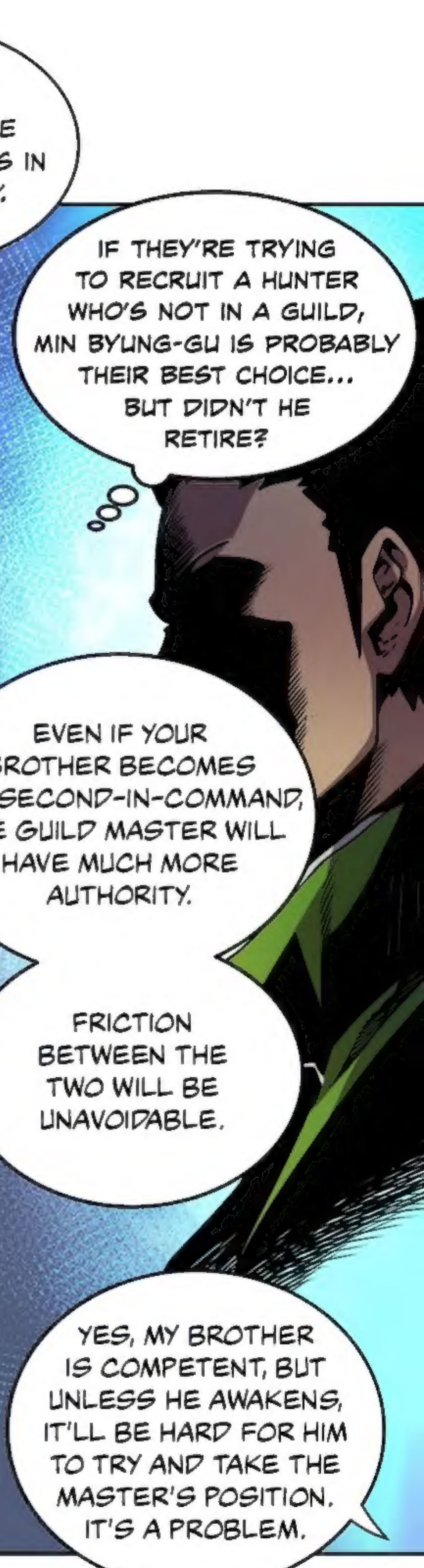
THAT'S
EXACTLY IT,
SIR!



MY FATHER WANTS TO HIRE AN S-RANK HUNTER TO BE THE GUILD MASTER AND MAKE MY OLDER BROTHER THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND. THAT WAY, THE GUILD COULD BE RUN LIKE A COMPANY.



BUT THERE ARE ONLY NINE S-RANK HUNTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

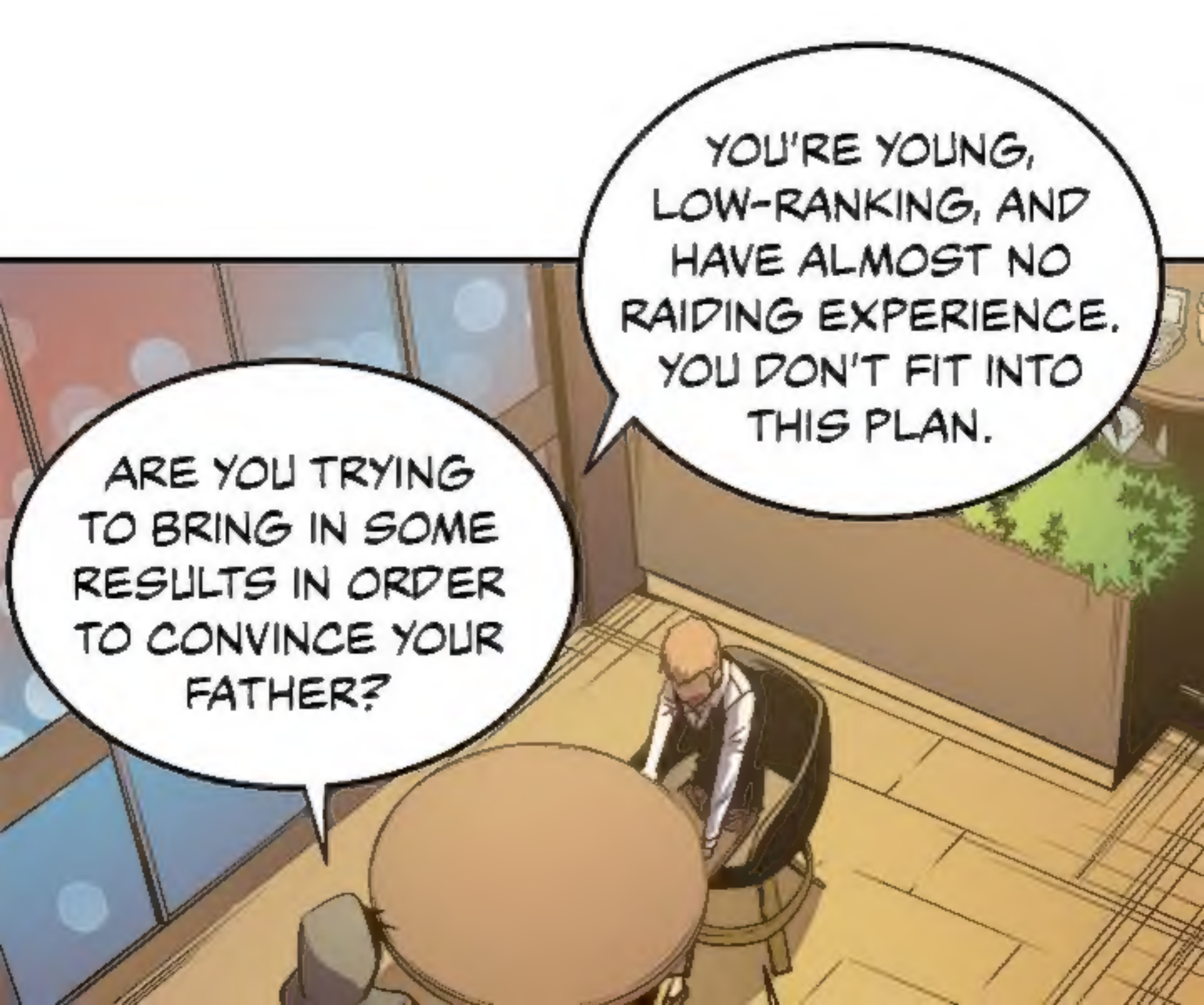


IF THEY'RE TRYING TO RECRUIT A HUNTER WHO'S NOT IN A GUILD, MIN BYUNG-GU IS PROBABLY THEIR BEST CHOICE... BUT DIDN'T HE RETIRE?

EVEN IF YOUR BROTHER BECOMES THE SECOND-IN-COMMAND, THE GUILD MASTER WILL HAVE MUCH MORE AUTHORITY.

FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO WILL BE UNAVOIDABLE.

YES, MY BROTHER IS COMPETENT, BUT UNLESS HE AWAKENS, IT'LL BE HARD FOR HIM TO TRY AND TAKE THE MASTER'S POSITION. IT'S A PROBLEM.



YOU'RE YOUNG, LOW-RANKING, AND HAVE ALMOST NO RAIDING EXPERIENCE. YOU DON'T FIT INTO THIS PLAN.

ARE YOU TRYING TO BRING IN SOME RESULTS IN ORDER TO CONVINCE YOUR FATHER?



YES, I AM.



I PROMISE TO TAKE YOUR SECRET TO THE GRAVE! THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A FALSE RAN... I MEAN, THE FACT THAT YOU'RE HIDING YOUR TRUE ABILITIES!

YOU NEED A SQUAD IN ORDER TO GO ON RAIDS WHILE KEEPING YOUR ABILITIES HIDDEN!

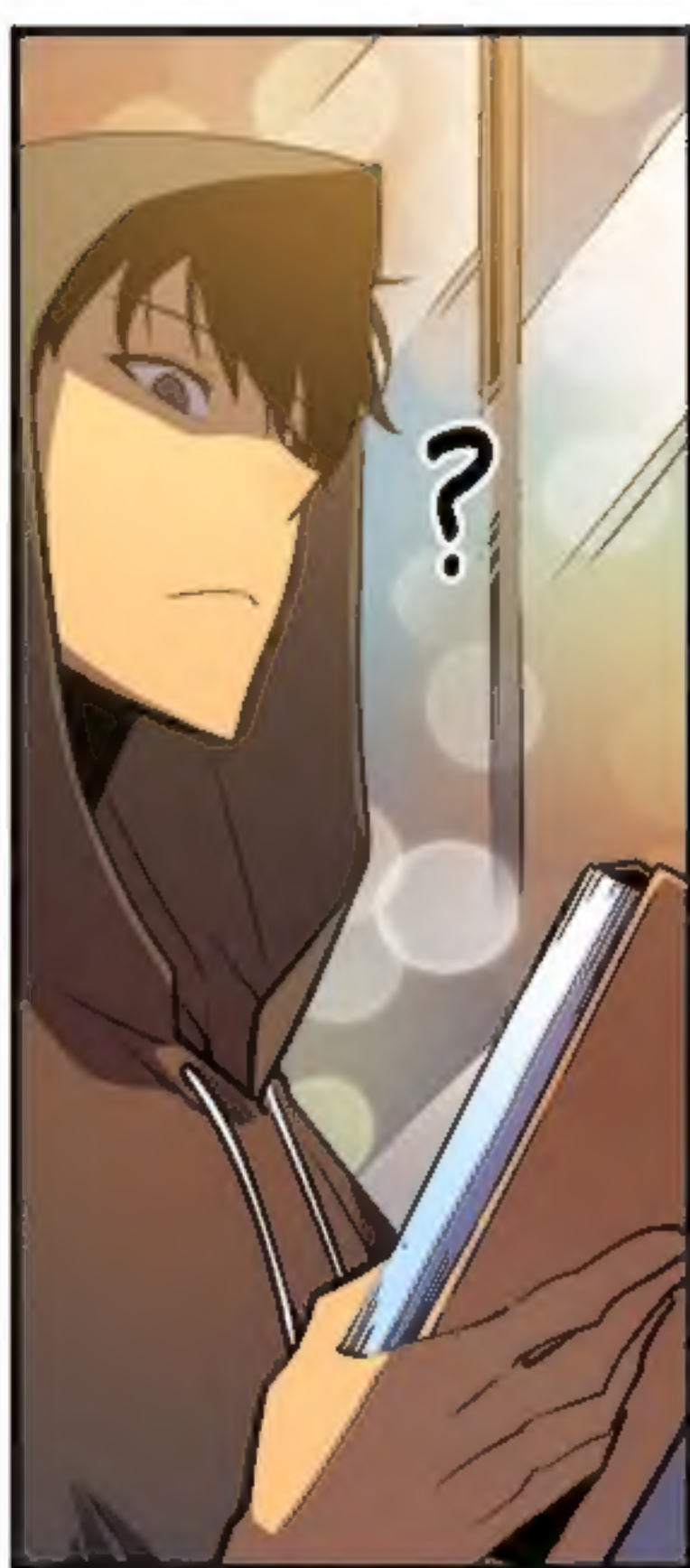
RATHER THAN RAIDING WITH HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS, BEING KNOWN AS SOMEONE WHO "SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A RAID WITH AN E-RANK HUNTER" WORKS MORE IN MY FAVOR AS WELL!



JINWOO IS AT THE VERY LEAST A B-RANK HUNTER...

...OR HE MIGHT BE EVEN HIGHER THAN THAT.

HE MAY BE AN E-RANK NOW, BUT HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT A C-RANK BOSS AND MANY OTHER C-RANK HUNTERS WITHOUT SUFFERING A SINGLE INJURY.



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